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SUBJECT: Cabinet to Consider Negotiation of PSI Ship Boarding Agreement

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(SBU) On August 23, Director General of MFA's Agreements and Legal [1](#)B. Altangerel briefly discussed the U.S. proposal of a PSI ship boarding agreement with E/P Chief. Altangerel said that MFA likely would submit a proposal to the Cabinet within the next two weeks to agree to negotiate an agreement with the U.S. Asked whether the two ministries who had earlier objected to the agreement had changed their positions, Altangerel said that the Ministry of Roads, Transport and Tourism (note: which oversees the ship registry) had withdrawn its objection. However, he said, the Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs still had some concerns about whether the agreement might infringe on Mongolia's sovereignty, and had noted Mongolian laws might need to be changed. Altangerel appeared confident the Cabinet nevertheless would approve the proposal to negotiate an agreement.

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